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Ms. Fleming,

Having just received my recent bill from Duke Energy, I was astonished to see that they were requesting a rate increase.

We are on Duke's equal payment plan, which softens the blow during months of high usage and was shocked to see the latest adjusted increase in my power bill. I track all my expenses on Quicken, so was able to look back through the last five years of payments to them. (Adjustments are made in June each year.) They are as follows:

2007/2008	\$116	
2008/2009	\$128	10.3% increase
2009/2010	\$134	4.6% increase
2010/2011	\$147	9.7% increase
2011/2012	\$169.38	15.2% increase

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We have gas heat and a gas stove, the latter of which was just installed 3 years ago. You'll note that there was no drop in my power bill.

We haven't moved, our energy consumption has not increased, we do regular maintenance on the HVAC system. Even on the hottest days, we do not turn the AC down below 78, and because of the trees surrounding our house, it stays fairly comfortable.

So...there you have it. It seems to me that Duke has had a substantial increase in the past four years. 46% by my calculations.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to encourage Duke Energy to use some of their vast profits to make the improvements they say are needed and not pass on those expenses to already overburdened and financially strained consumers.

Many thanks for all your public service.

Yours truly,

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